

Meet David Dureya – VGV Analyst Intern

I joined Valley Growth Ventures in December 2024 after earning a Bachelor's degree from The Ohio State University, first studying engineering before transitioning into finance and investing. While I ultimately chose markets over machines, I still approach investing with an engineer's mindset—breaking down complex, often messy problems and making sense of incomplete information. Since starting at VGV, my role has grown from initial data entry responsibilities to active involvement in screening new opportunities, conducting due diligence, financial analysis, and founder engagement. I recently led my first solo meeting with a founder seeking investment, guiding the discussion around the company's strategy, growth assumptions, and capital needs. This experience reinforced the responsibility and trust that come with early-stage investing and reminded me why I was eager to work at VGV.

Working directly with founders as they build companies from the ground up has been one of the most rewarding parts of my time in venture investing. I've especially enjoyed the challenge of evaluating early-stage opportunities in uncertain environments, drawing on the broad, hands-on experience I've gained at VGV. As I continue to build a long-term career in venture investing and explore opportunities within the industry, I'm grateful for the mentorship, responsibility, and strong foundation I've gained at VGV.